

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 436 - SB 794

March 16, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes county and municipal corrections officers to carry a firearm, pending completion of firearms training in accordance with Department of Correction (DOC) standards.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures –

Exceeds \$6,200/FY13-14/Permissive

Exceeds \$1,700/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this bill will not fiscally impact the Department.
- According to County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), this bill will not result in any significant fiscal impact to sheriffs as this training is currently being provided to county corrections officers.
- Expenditures associated with the required training would be incurred by the employing law enforcement agency, and any expenditures for training are thought to be comparable to fees charged by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Agency (TLETA).
- TLETA charges \$250 per correctional officer for the initial 40-hour training and \$25 per officer per year for an eight-hour course to maintain certification.
- While a precise number of county and municipal correctional officers that will attend training is unknown, it is reasonably estimated that at least 25 will attend initial training.
- The permissive increase in local government expenditures for FY13-14 is estimated to exceed \$6,250 (minimum 25 officers x \$250 per class).
- In FY14-15, 20 of the first 25 officers (from FY13-14) will renew certification and at least five new officers will be certified.
- The permissive increase in local expenditures for FY14-15 is estimated to exceed \$1,750 [(20 x \$25) + (5 x \$250)].
- In FY15-16 and subsequent years, 20 of 25 officers that were certified in the previous year will be recertified, and there will be at least five new officers each year who will be

certified. Therefore, the permissive recurring increase in local expenditures beginning in FY15-16 is estimated to exceed \$1,750 $[(20 \times \$25) + (5 \times \$250)]$.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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